

SENATOR KENNEDY: If there are no questions on the bill, I would ask that the bill be advanced to general file-- from general file to E&R with the amendment.

SPEAKER: Are there any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER: Alright. You've heard the explanation of the bill and the motion to advance. Are you ready for the question? Question is, shall the bill be advanced as amended? All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays on motion to advance.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. Senator Marvel, we have passed over LB 257. I guess I signed it on behalf of the Governor but it certainly is not my bill. Do you want to take that up now?

SENATOR MARVEL: I, I think Senator Carpenter has some amendments and that's why we passed it over.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, are you ready to go on those amendments? 257. Senator Carpenter says they're about complete and he'll have them ready Monday. We'll pass it over. LB 244.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 244. Introduced by Senator Simpson of the 46th district. (read) There are committee amendments by the Government and Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson, do you want to take up those amendments?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, I'd move to adopt the standing committee amendments. The standing committee amendments now becomes the bill. The city and county involved within this bill at the present time would be Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln. We have a unique pro--or problem here in that the county collects the taxes for the city and they use the city data processing equipment to do their, all of their work. Within the present law the county must charge the city 1% for the collection of the tax. This amount of money exceeds the total budget of the County Treasurer's office each year so it, it is really not justified. The two have gotten together and asked for this bill that they might negotiate an amount that was fair for the use both ways and pay for the collection of the tax so I move adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and Members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Simpson a couple of questions if I could.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Is it, is it now the intent of the, the intent of the bill as, as amended, to say that the, the amount of this contract, the cost of this contract shall be the actual cost of collecting the taxes?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well this might be the amount. It would not necessarily have to be exactly that amount. It would be whatever would be negotiated and would be somewhat less than the 1% that's now paid.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Do you have any figures to indicate that this would be less than 1%? The reason I'm asking this if I can go on to explain is that the County, the total budget of the County Treasurer's office granted, is going to be much less than the 1% but included in the collection of taxes is going to be the, well